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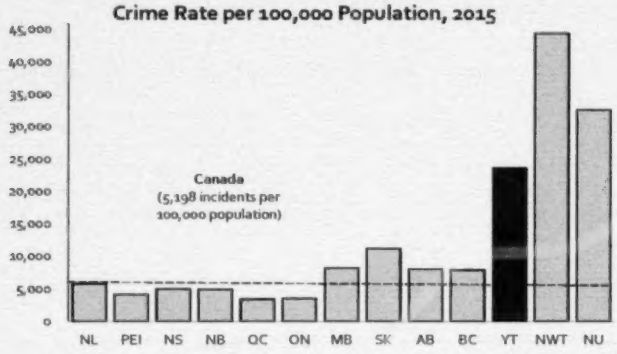
Police-reported Crime Statistics in Yukon 2015

This report is based on data released by Statistics Canada from the incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR) . The UCR collects information on all criminal incidents (of adults and youth) reported to, and substantiated by, Canadian police services.

Highlights:

- A total of 9,696 criminal incidents were reported to police in Yukon in 2015: 1,533 violent Criminal Code violations; 3,604 property crime; 3,698 'other' Criminal Code violations; 523 Criminal Code traffic violations; and 338 Federal Statutes violations.
- Yukon's 2015 police-reported crime rate (23,605 incidents per 100,000 population) was 0.1% lower than the 2014 rate (23,628 incidents per 100,000).

Crime Rate, Canada, Provinces and Territories, 2015



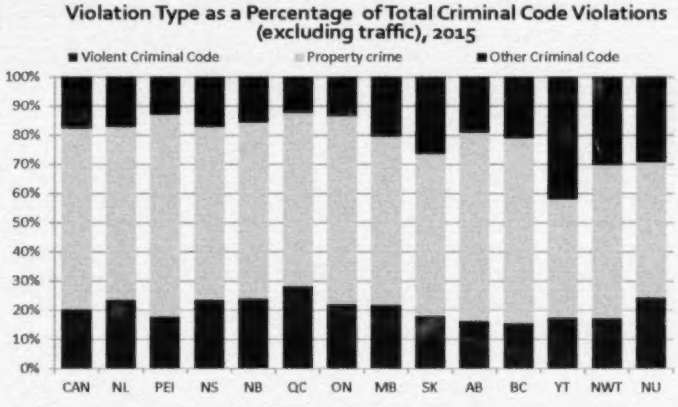
- Yukon's 2015 crime rate was the third highest in the country at 23,605 incidents per 100,000 population (Yukon's population as of July 1, 2015 was 37,428).
- In 2015, the crime rate decreased 0.1% compared to 2014 (23,628 incidents per 100,000). However, the 2015 crime rate was 18.5% higher than the 2006 rate (19,925 incidents per 100,000).

Criminal Code traffic violations, as well as federal statute violations are not included in the calculation of the crime rate.

Crime counts are based on the most serious offence in an incident; however, violent criminal incidents are generally counted separately for each victim.

Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic), Canada, Provinces and Territories, 2015

- In 2015, there were 8,835 actual incidents of Criminal Code violations (excluding traffic) in Yukon. Of this total, 17.4% were violent Criminal Code violations (1,533 incidents); 40.8% were property crimes (3,604); and 41.9% were 'other' Criminal Code violations* (3,698). In terms of the *proportion of total incidents*:
  - Yukon ranked the fourth lowest in the country for violent Criminal Code violations,
  - the lowest in the country for property crimes, and
  - the highest in Canada for 'other' Criminal Code violations.
- The above Yukon proportions compare nationally at: 20.4% violent Criminal Code violations; 61.9% property crime; and 17.6% 'other' Criminal Code violations.



** While 'other' Criminal Code violations typically include counterfeiting, weapons violations, child pornography, prostitution, disturb the peace and administration of justice, etc., these 'other' violations for Yukon (3,698 incidents) mainly included disturb the peace (2,638 incidents) and administration of justice (930 incidents).*

Other Sources of Crime Information:

Statistics Canada's Juristat - provides in-depth analysis and detailed statistics on a variety of justice-related topics and issues. http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/olc-cel/olc.action?ObjId=85-002-X&ObjType=2&lang=en&Limit=1

Violent Criminal Code Violations, Number of Actual Incidents, Yukon, 2006 to 2015

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014[r]	2015
Total violent Criminal Code violations	**1,243**	**1,301**	**1,269**	**1,404**	**1,464**	**1,470**	**1,458**	**1,525**	**1,663**	**1,533**
Homicide	0	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	1
Total other violations causing death	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Attempted murder	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1	0	4
Sexual assault, level 3, aggravated	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	1	4	0	2	1	2	4	2	4	2
Sexual assault, level 1	57	53	50	71	66	62	73	74	75	88
Total sexual violations against children[1]	0	1	0	2	3	4	9	12	19	16
Assault, level 3, aggravated	14	17	12	14	15	26	16	15	23	21
Assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	143	183	161	156	151	184	181	165	181	157
Assault, level 1	674	675	666	727	703	782	738	815	842	792
Total assaults against a peace officer	15	9	24	52	85	40	29	26	36	33
Total other assaults	1	1	3	2	6	3	3	1	5	0
Total firearms; use of, discharge, pointing	1	2	2	5	10	5	8	5	11	7
Total robbery	17	16	16	9	17	13	11	9	26	20
Total forcible confinement or kidnapping	12	12	9	24	18	9	8	3	6	9
Total abduction	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Extortion	2	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	3	1
Criminal harassment	14	16	24	13	22	16	16	45	53	49
Uttering threats	193	245	226	242	266	237	249	241	259	262
Indecent/Harassing communications[2]	80	53	51	65	85	76	103	107	101	61
Total commodification of sexual activity violations[3]							0	0	0	2
Total other violent violations	17	8	14	11	12	7	9	4	14	8

[1] Sexual violations against children crime category has only partial data available prior to 2008. As a result, numbers should not be directly compared to data from previous years. Includes: sexual interference, invitation to sexual touching, sexual exploitation, making sexually explicit material available to children for the purpose of facilitating sexual offences against children/youth, luring a child via a computer/agreement or arrangement, and, as of December 2014, the offences of parent or guardian procuring sexual activity (Criminal Code, s. 170), and householder permitting prohibited sexual activity (Criminal Code, s. 171).
[2] Includes non-consensual distribution of intimate images.
[3] Total commodification of sexual activity violations includes: the purchasing of sexual services or communicating for that purpose, receiving a material benefit deriving from the purchase of sexual services, procuring of persons for the purpose of prostitution, and advertising sexual services offered for sale as well as reclassification of Parent or guardian procuring sexual activity, and Householder permitting prohibited sexual activity.

Crimes against the person involve the use or threatened use of violence against a person, including homicide, attempted murder, assault, sexual assault and robbery. Robbery is considered a crime against the person because unlike other theft offences it involves the use or threat of violence.

Property Crime, Number of Actual Incidents, Yukon, 2006 to 2015

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014[r]	2015
Total property crime	**3,313**	**3,158**	**3,394**	**3,069**	**3,111**	**3,189**	**3,131**	**3,485**	**3,416**	**3,604**
Total breaking and entering	460	349	254	258	246	191	205	218	212	300
Total possession of stolen property	26	28	39	33	42	19	46	41	26	31
Total trafficking in stolen property[1]	..	..	..	..	0	0	1	0	2	0
Total theft of motor vehicle	140	135	171	132	163	115	146	190	111	140
Total theft over $5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	19	21	27	17	33	22	25	25	26	35
Total theft under $5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	865	743	689	715	746	798	904	979	939	970
Fraud[2]	85	102	125	129	111	81	92	97	95	136
Identity theft[2]	..	..	..	..	0	0	2	1	2	0
Identity fraud[2]	..	..	0	0	5	12	3	4	4	4
Total mischief	1,706	1,765	2,075	1,771	1,750	1,934	1,690	1,917	1,987	1,974
Arson	12	15	14	14	15	17	17	13	12	14

[1] In April 2011, legislation came into effect making it an offence to traffic in property obtained by crime, including possession with intent to traffic property obtained by crime.
[2] In January 2010, the UCR survey was modified to create new violation codes for identity fraud and identity theft. Prior to 2010, those offences would have been coded as fraud.

Property crimes involve unlawful acts to gain property, but do not involve the use or threat of violence against the person. They include offences such as break and enter, theft and fraud.

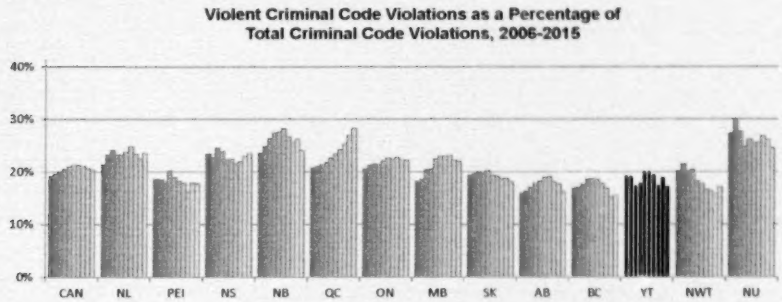
Other Criminal Code Violations, Number of Actual Incidents, Yukon, 2006 to 2015

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014[r]	2015
Total other Criminal Code violations	**1,874**	**2,312**	**2,608**	**3,345**	**2,681**	**2,628**	**2,890**	**3,660**	**3,661**	**3,698**
Counterfeiting	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total weapons violations	20	28	26	33	17	29	36	30	44	24
Child pornography	4	4	0	3	0	3	1	5	4	3
Making, or distribution of child pornography							0	0	0	0
Total prostitution[1]	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0
Disturb the peace	1,328	1,670	1,940	2,424	1,790	1,692	1,898	2,539	2,639	2,638
Total administration of justice violations	460	508	553	779	772	797	833	959	837	930
Total other violations	62	99	87	105	101	106	122	125	135	102

[1] Includes: communicating to provide sexual services for consideration; and stopping or impeding traffic for the purpose of offering, providing or obtaining sexual services for consideration.

These incidents involve the remaining Criminal Code offences that are not classified as violent or property (excluding traffic offences). Examples are mischief, bail violations, disturbing the peace, arson, prostitution and offensive weapons.

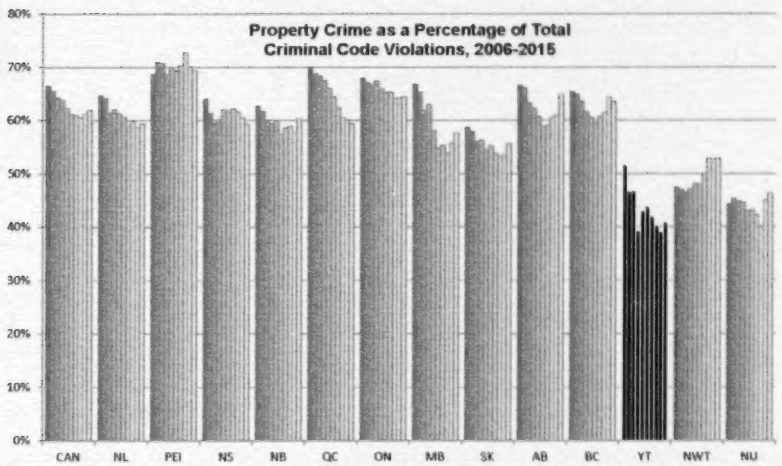
Number of Incidents by Violation Type as a Percentage of Total Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic), Yukon, 2006 to 2015



- Yukon's violent Criminal Code violations as a percentage of total Criminal Code violations ranged from 17.4% to 20.2% over the past ten years. The percentage declined between 2006 and 2008, increased in 2009 and 2010, remained unchanged in 2011, then decreased again in each of the following two years. The proportion increased in 2014 before decreasing again in 2015 to its' lowest percentage (17.4%) in the past ten years.

- Comparing 2015 to 2014, the majority of Canadian jurisdictions (8) had a decrease in the proportion of violent Criminal Code violations ranging from -0.1% in Prince Edward Island and Ontario, to -2.1% in New Brunswick. The remaining jurisdictions (5) had an increase in the proportion: Quebec (+1.3%), Northwest Territories (+1.3%), Newfoundland (+1.1%), Nova Scotia (+0.7%), and British Columbia (+0.4%).

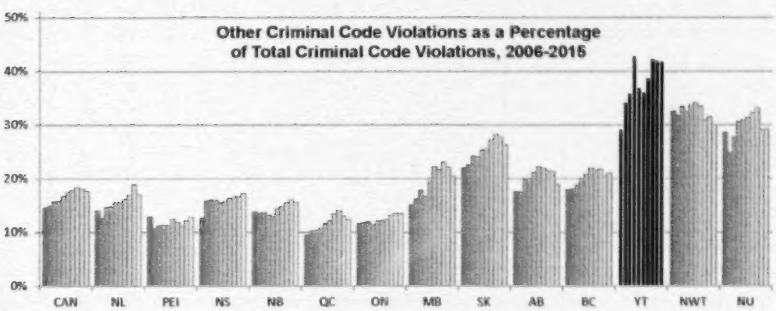
- In 2015, there were 970 incidents of *assault* levels 1-3 in Yukon, accounting for 63.3% of all violent Criminal Code violations. Collectively, *uttering threats* (262), *indecent/harassing communications* (61), and *criminal harassment* (49) accounted for 24.3%. *Sexual assault* levels 1-3 (90) accounted for 5.9% of all violent Criminal Code violations.



- The proportion of property crime to Yukon's total Criminal Code violations exhibited an overall downward trend in the last ten years. (During the same period, the number of property crimes increased from 3,313 in 2006 to 3,604 in 2015; see the relevant table on page 2.).

- Comparing 2015 to 2014, the majority of Canadian jurisdictions (8) had an increase in the proportion of property crime to total Criminal Code violations ranging from 0.1% in Ontario to 3.9% in Alberta. In 2015, Yukon's proportion of property crime (40.8%) was the lowest in Canada.

- In 2015, there were 1,974 incidents of *mischief* accounting for 54.8% of all property crime in Yukon. *Theft* (1,145) accounted for 31.8% of all property crime, and *breaking and entering* (300) accounted for 8.3%.



- The share of Yukon's 'other' Criminal Code violations to total Criminal Code violations increased over the past ten years. While the share for Yukon was the highest in the country (41.9%) in 2015, *disturb the peace* accounted for 71.3% of the total number of 'other' violations.

- For most jurisdictions, the share of 'other' violations in total Criminal Code violations decreased in 2015.

- In 2015, there were 2,638 incidents of *disturb the peace* accounting for 71.3% of all 'other' Criminal Code violations in Yukon. *Administration of justice violations* incidents (930) accounted for 25.1%.

Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic) by Type, Number of Actual Incidents, by Rural RCMP Detachment Area, 2006 to 2015

		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2012	2014[r]	2015
Total Violent Criminal Code Violations	**Yukon**	**1,243**	**1,301**	**1,269**	**1,404**	**1,464**	**1,470**	**1,458**	**1,525**	**1,663**	**1,533**
	Beaver Creek	11	6	6	9	4	5	16	12	4	9
	Carcross	32	44	53	54	50	49	34	53	52	53
	Carmacks	39	59	45	36	28	43	33	29	65	25
	Dawson	68	55	56	58	63	62	59	45	69	65
	Faro	8	6	9	7	7	7	4	15	6	15
	Haines Junction	40	49	38	19	45	40	42	60	47	38
	Mayo	38	20	17	22	27	40	44	49	60	59
	Old Crow	32	30	21	39	16	26	23	36	34	36
	Pelly Crossing	32	40	46	45	74	66	49	70	71	46
	Ross River	36	34	26	41	59	46	35	30	54	67
	Teslin	17	23	19	35	28	28	37	33	20	43
	Watson Lake	219	230	177	192	190	170	184	178	109	119
	Whitehorse	671	705	756	847	873	888	898	915	1,072	958

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	Beaver Creek	17	12	18	25	24	16	14	16	18	40
	Carcross	62	69	65	81	71	40	42	54	74	66
	Carmacks	67	71	65	73	48	60	59	62	70	46
	Dawson	130	198	165	117	132	167	160	158	130	140
	Faro	8	15	15	8	22	8	18	18	23	41
	Haines Junction	78	74	80	70	60	73	81	91	82	44
	Mayo	88	67	94	74	40	31	49	104	90	89
	Old Crow	69	75	66	50	49	50	39	26	35	46
	Pelly Crossing	97	102	94	125	159	158	102	107	122	71
	Ross River	89	91	134	89	80	55	56	68	70	120
	Teslin	40	38	54	49	66	63	76	83	82	78
	Watson Lake	377	389	417	396	311	259	259	294	240	221
	Whitehorse	2,190	1,957	2,127	1,912	2,049	2,209	2,176	2,404	2,380	2,602

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	Beaver Creek	15	4	7	13	4	4	7	5	3	5
	Carcross	22	28	45	80	40	57	46	56	63	53
	Carmacks	56	77	53	38	49	75	62	67	52	33
	Dawson	81	72	98	100	75	61	89	92	110	80
	Faro	3	3	3	3	7	7	17	14	9	16
	Haines Junction	29	42	35	21	16	24	25	22	38	45
	Mayo	81	64	54	30	28	30	30	61	52	55
	Old Crow	38	37	61	31	28	23	25	28	39	33
	Pelly Crossing	41	65	80	80	113	101	80	89	89	71
	Ross River	26	47	55	64	64	63	51	36	37	46
	Teslin	24	39	23	18	30	28	33	21	38	22
	Watson Lake	255	329	256	275	291	205	240	268	197	201
	Whitehorse	1,203	1,505	1,838	2,592	1,936	1,950	2,185	2,901	2,934	3,038

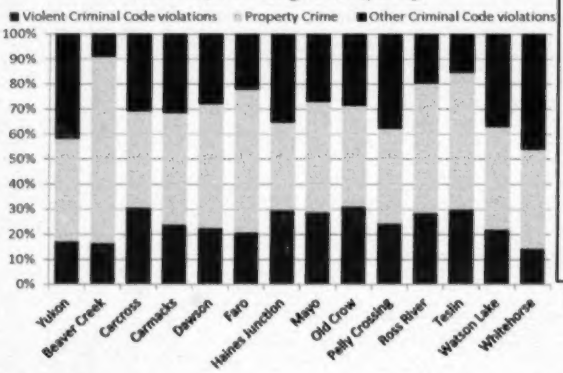
The number of actual incidents refers to the total number of incidents reported to the police minus incidents proven to be unfounded following preliminary investigation in any given year. Police-reported statistics may be affected by differences in the way police services deal with minor offences. In some instances, police or municipalities might choose to deal with some minor offences using municipal by-laws or provincial provisions rather than Criminal Code provisions. Differences in Police service's priorities, policies, procedures and enforcement practices may also have an effect.

Prior to the 2012 *Police-reported Crime Statistics in Yukon* report, Yukon Bureau of Statistics' crime publications contained microdata obtained directly from the Yukon RCMP office. Records management systems changed in 2004 and the publication was discontinued. Community-level data is now available via Statistics Canada CANSIM tables 252-0051 and 252-0082. As a result of these changes, the 2012 to 2015 reports are not comparable with previous ones.

Populations are based upon July 1 estimates from Statistics Canada, Demography Division.

For more information on the Incident-based Crime Reporting Survey - http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&lang=en&db=imdb&adm=8&dis=2&SDDS=3302

Violation Type as a Percentage of Total Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic), 2015



		2014[r]	2015
Total Number of Criminal Code Violations (excluding traffic)	**Yukon**	**8,740**	**8,835**
	Beaver Creek	25	54
	Carcross	189	172
	Carmacks	187	104
	Dawson	309	285
	Faro	38	72
	Haines	167	127
	Mayo	202	203
	Old Crow	108	115
	Pelly Crossing	282	188
	Ross River	161	233
	Teslin	140	143
	Watson Lake	546	541
	Whitehorse	6,386	6,598

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